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**MODEL 28**

**AUTO - LOADING**

**.22 CAL. RIFLE**

**WITH OR WITHOUT**

**4 POWER TELESCOPE**

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATION AND CARE

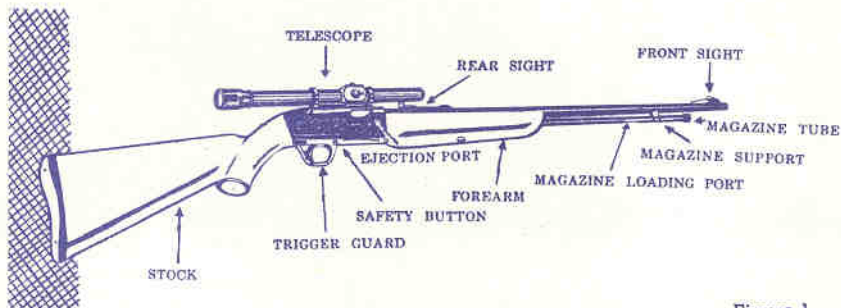


Figure 1

**IMPORTANT:** Before firing this gun, be sure to clean barrel thoroughly of all grease or of any obstruction.

**CLEANING AND LUBRICATING:** The performance of any automatic rifle depends upon how clean it is kept. Exclusive use of Sears' ammunition will keep powder fouling to a minimum but, because an automatic rifle depends on the powder gases for the repeating action, it must be kept clean to function efficiently. We recommend that your gun be thoroughly cleaned after firing 200 to 250 rounds for continued top performance.

In cleaning, be sure to use the proper size rod, brushes and patches, those especially dimensioned for .22 caliber rifles.

Disassemble the gun, following complete instructions contained in this instruction sheet, into the three basic parts. (a) stock, receiver and barrel group, (b) trigger assembly, and (c) breech bolt assembly.

Using a toothbrush soaked in solvent, clean trigger assembly, getting powder fouling out of springs, magazine throat, etc. In same manner clean bolt, getting fouling out of extractor, off of bolt face and firing pin, and out of machined cuts in bolt. Push a patch, moistened with a good solvent through the barrel from the muzzle end. Push a brass brush, soaked in solvent through this entire length of the bore several times, using long even strokes. Push clean patches through the entire length of the bore in the same manner until the last patch comes out unsoiled. Push lightly oiled patch through the entire length of the bore. Wipe both trigger assembly and bolt dry, oil lightly and replace, following instructions on this sheet for assembly.

Using a lightly oiled rag, rub the entire outside of the rifle. Be careful to rub off any fingerprints. Acid from perspiration of the hands will quickly rust a gun unless neutralized by oil.

Sears, Roebuck and Company carries a complete line of J. C. Higgins cleaning equipment, all at popular money-saving prices.

**TO MAKE GUN SAFE:** Safety is located in trigger guard bow forward of trigger. With hammer cocked, push safety from left to right until red band is covered. This movement locks trigger, and gun cannot be fired. Always lock the trigger when carrying a loaded gun.

**TO RELEASE SAFETY:** Push safety from right to left, exposing red band, and gun is ready to fire.

**TO LOAD MAGAZINE:** With safety on, turn knurled knob on inner magazine tube, pull tube out and insert cartridges into cartridge opening, (See figure 2.) continuing the operation until last cartridge is visible. Grasping knurled portion of inside magazine tube, press down with rotating action until inside magazine tube is fully home and located in supporting notch.

**TO LOAD BARREL:** Retract action fully to the rear and allow to close. Push safety so that the red band appears, and gun is now ready to fire.

**TO REMOVE CARTRIDGES; WITHOUT FIRING:** Remove inside magazine tube, and by pointing gun muzzle downward, all cartridges in the magazine tube will drop into the hand. With safety on, work action TWICE to remove cartridges from barrel chamber and from trigger guard assembly through the ejection port. Pull action bar handle back and examine barrel chamber to make sure gun is now empty of cartridges. Inside magazine tube may now be replaced.

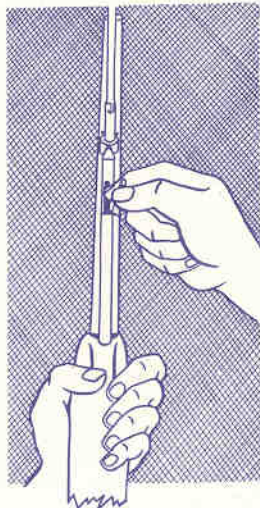
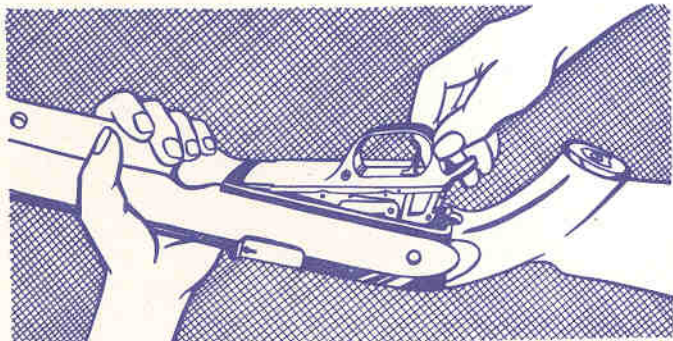


Figure 2

**TO ASSEMBLE J. C. HIGGINS 4-X TELESCOPE SIGHT TO RIFLE:** Engage mating slot on telescope mount with mating slot on receiver top with eye piece to the rear, slide forward against stop. Tighten scope mounting screw and gun is ready to fire. (See figure 1.)



## DISASSEMBLY

Figure 3

**TO REMOVE TRIGGER ASSEMBLY:** (Do only when necessary). Turn the gun upside down, remove trigger guard retaining screw. Grasp trigger guard and pull up and toward the butt stock. Trigger guard assembly will come free of the receiver as a unit. See figure 3.

**BOLT:** May be disassembled (see figure 4) by grasping retracting handle and pulling toward the rear, permitting the bolt assembly to drop into the hand. The gun is now completely disassembled for cleaning purposes.

**FORE-ARM:** May be disassembled by removing fore-arm retaining screw and sliding fore-arm from receiver.

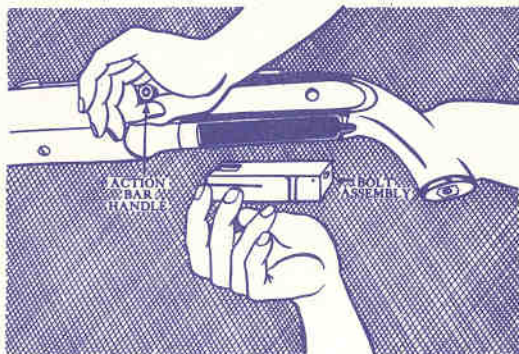


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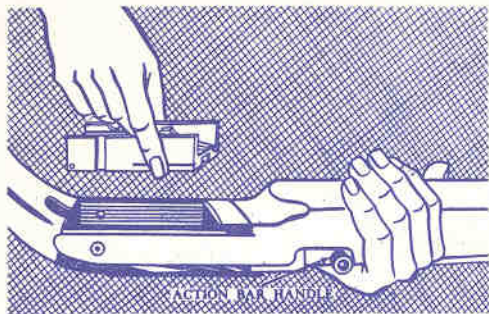


Figure 5

## ASSEMBLY

**BOLT ASSEMBLY:** With gun upside down, drop bolt (as shown in figure 5) into receiver, work retracting handle back and forth, breech bolt will drop into place, at top of receiver. Bolt is now assembled in receiver.

**TRIGGER ASSEMBLY:** Remove inside magazine tube. Pull retracting handle back half way, and making sure that hammer is in cocked position (see figure 6.) replace trigger assembly by inserting lug on front end of trigger assembly to mating slot inside forward end of receiver. Holding gun in upside down position (see figure 3.) press down and forward against rear portion of trigger guard until it is fully home and seated. If it does not immediately drop into position, work retracting handle short distance back and forward. Insert and tighten trigger insert retaining screw, work the action by pulling back on the action bar handle to make sure that bolt functions. The gun is now completely re-assembled.

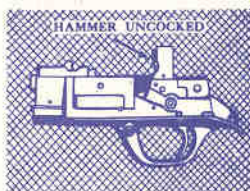
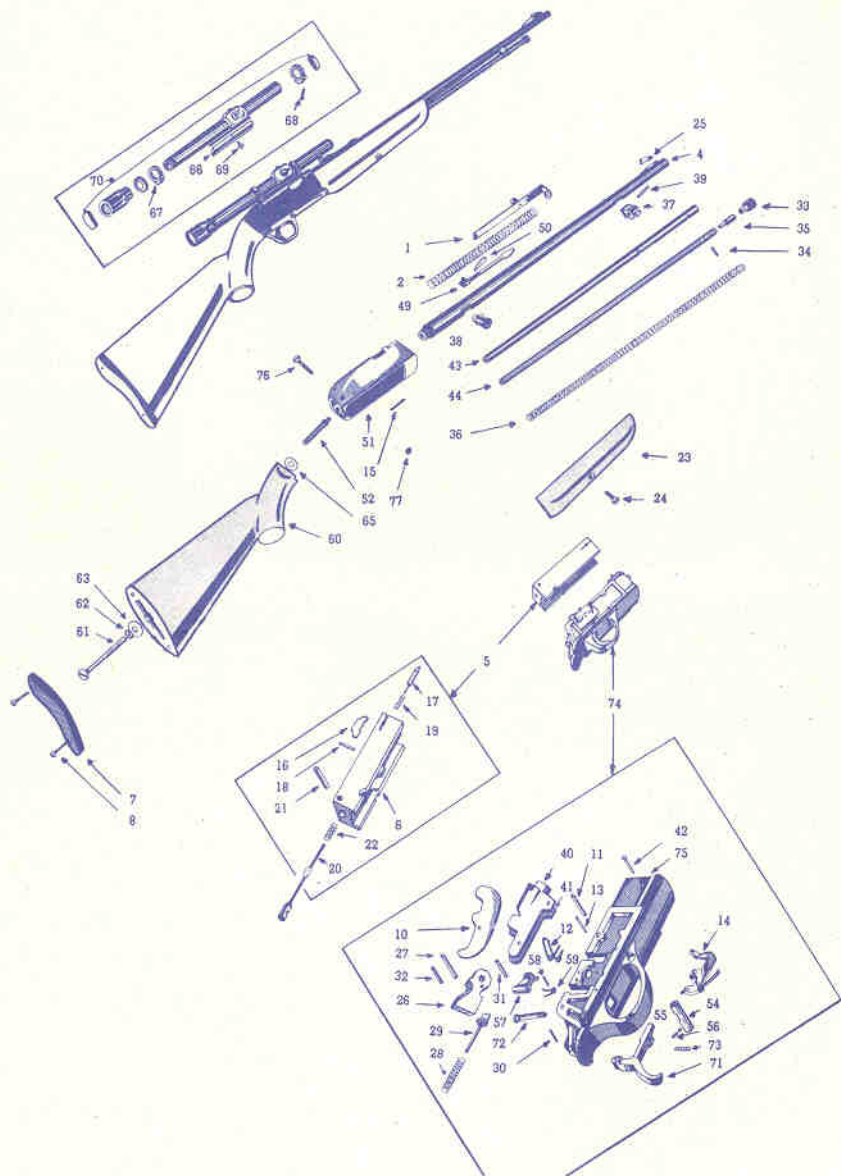


Figure 6

## SPECIFICATIONS

|                           |                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Length of Pull            | 13¾ inches                                                                            |
| Drop at Heel              | 2¼ inches                                                                             |
| Drop at Comb              | 1½ inches                                                                             |
| Barrel Length             | 23¼ inches                                                                            |
| Over-All Length           | 41¾ inches                                                                            |
| Weight of Gun             | 5 lbs. 5 oz.                                                                          |
| Weight of Scope and Mount | 8 oz.                                                                                 |
| Magazine Capacity         | 18 Long rifle                                                                         |
| Front Sight               | Ramp type with gold bead                                                              |
| Rear Sight                | Rocky Mountain partridge type with serrated blade for elevating at 25 yard intervals. |
| Butt Stock & Fore-end     | American black walnut.                                                                |

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# LIST OF PARTS AND ASSEMBLIES FOR J. C. HIGGINS MODEL 28.22 CALIBER AUTO-LOADING RIFLE

MODEL NUMBER 583.71

This is the Model Number of your Shotgun. It will be found on the left side of barrel, just forward of receiver. Always mention this Model Number when communicating with us regarding the gun or when ordering parts.

## HOW TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS

All parts listed herein may be ordered through any Sears retail or mail order store. In ordering parts by mail from the mail order store which serves the territory in which you live, always be sure to follow instructions below. Save this list—it is valuable.

## WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS AND/OR ASSEMBLIES

Please specify Model No., Reference No., Parts No. and Part Name. All parts identified with an asterisk (\*) must be fitted to the gun by gunsmiths in the Sears mail order houses or by qualified gunsmiths.

| Ref. No. | Part No. | PART NAME                       | Ref. No. | Part No. | PART NAME                            |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1        | 300M     | *Action Bar Assembly .....      | 12       | 309      | Cartridge Lifter Spring .....        |
|          |          | (Composed of:                   | 13       | 310      | Cartridge Lifter Spring Retaining    |
|          |          | 300 Action Bar                  |          |          | Pin .....                            |
|          |          | 302 Action Bar Handle)          | 14       | 311M     | *Disconnecter Assembly .....         |
| 2        | 304      | *Action Bar Spring .....        |          |          | (Composed of:                        |
| 4        | 305M     | *Barrel and Ramp Assembly.....  |          |          | 311 Disconnecter                     |
|          |          | (Composed of:                   |          |          | 312 Disconnecter Hinge Pin           |
|          |          | 305 Barrel                      |          |          | 313 Disconnecter Pin                 |
|          |          | 393 Front Sight Ramp)           |          |          | 314 Disconnecter Spring)             |
| 5        | 306M     | Bolt Assembly .....             | 15       | 315      | *Ejector .....                       |
|          |          | (Composed of:                   | 16       | 316      | Extractor .....                      |
|          |          | 306 Bolt                        | 17       | 317      | Extractor Plunger .....              |
|          |          | 320 Firing Pin Spring           | 18       | 432      | Extractor Plunger Retaining Pin..... |
|          |          | 319 Firing Pin                  | 19       | 318      | Extractor Spring .....               |
|          |          | 379 Firing Pin Retaining Pin    | 20       | 319      | Firing Pin .....                     |
|          |          | 318 Extractor Spring            | 21       | 379      | Firing Pin Retaining Pin .....       |
|          |          | 317 Extractor Plunger           | 22       | 320      | Firing Pin Spring .....              |
|          |          | 316 Extractor                   | 23       | 322      | Forearm, .....                       |
|          |          | 432 Extractor Plunger Retaining | 24       | 323      | Forearm Retaining Screw .....        |
|          |          | Pin)                            | 25       | 392      | Front Sight .....                    |
| 6        | 306      | Bolt .....                      | 26       | 324      | *Hammer .....                        |
| 7        | 344      | Butt Plate .....                | 27       | 325      | Hammer Pin .....                     |
| 8        | 345      | Butt Plate Screw .....          | 28       | 326      | Hammer Spring .....                  |
| 10       | 307      | Cartridge Lifter .....          | 29       | 327      | Hammer Spring Guide .....            |
| 11       | 308      | Cartridge Lifter Pin .....      | 30       | 328      | Hammer Spring Pin .....              |

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|----------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 31       | 329      | Hammer Stop Pin .....              | 71       | 357      | Trigger .....                    |
| 32       | 330      | Hammer Strut Pin .....             | 72       | 359      | Trigger Pin .....                |
| 33       | 331      | Magazine Cap .....                 | 73       | 360      | Trigger Spring .....             |
| 34       | 332      | Magazine Cap Pin .....             | 74       | 422M     | Trigger Guard Assembly .....     |
| 35       | 333      | Magazine Follower .....            |          |          | (Composed of:                    |
| 36       | 336      | Magazine Spring .....              |          |          | 358 Trigger Guard                |
| 37       | 437      | *Magazine Support .....            |          |          | 346 Safety Button                |
| 38       | 335      | *Magazine Support, Rear .....      |          |          | 347 Safety Button Plunger        |
| 39       | 338      | Magazine Support Pin .....         |          |          | 348 Safety Button Plunger Spring |
| 40       | 340      | Magazine Throat, Right Hand .....  |          |          | 382 Safety Button Spring Retain- |
| 41       | 339      | Magazine Throat, Left Hand .....   |          |          | ing Screw                        |
| 42       | 381      | Magazine Throat Retaining Pin..... |          |          | 357 Trigger                      |
| 43       | 341      | Magazine Tube .....                |          |          | 360 Trigger Spring               |
| 44       | 334      | Magazine Tube, Inside .....        |          |          | 359 Trigger Pin                  |
| 49       | 394M     | Rear Sight Assembly .....          |          |          | 349 Sear                         |
|          |          | (Composed of:                      |          |          | 350 Sear Pin                     |
|          |          | 394 Rear Sight                     |          |          | 351 Sear Spring                  |
|          |          | 396 Rear Sight Support)            |          |          | 329 Hammer Stop Pin              |
| 50       | 395      | Rear Sight Elevation .....         |          |          | 324M Hammer Assembly             |
| 51       | 421      | *Receiver .....                    |          |          | 325 Hammer Pin                   |
| 52       | 343      | Receiver Tang .....                |          |          | 327 Hammer Spring Guide          |
| 54       | 346      | Safety Button .....                |          |          | 326 Hammer Spring                |
| 55       | 347      | Safety Button Plunger .....        |          |          | 328 Hammer Spring Pin            |
| 56       | 348      | Safety Button Plunger Spring.....  |          |          | 309 Cartridge Lifter Spring      |
| 57       | 349      | *Sear .....                        |          |          | 310 Cartridge Lifter Spring Re-  |
| 58       | 350      | Sear Pin .....                     |          |          | taining Pin                      |
| 59       | 351      | Sear Spring .....                  |          |          | 340 Magazine Throat, R.H.        |
| 60       | 423      | Stock .....                        |          |          | 339 Magazine Throat, L.H.        |
| 61       | 353      | Stock Bolt .....                   |          |          | 307 Cartridge Lifter             |
| 62       | 354      | Stock Bolt Lock Washer .....       |          |          | 308 Cartridge Lifter Pin         |
| 63       | 355      | Stock Bolt Washer .....            |          |          | 381 Magazine Throat, Retaining   |
| 65       | 424      | Stock Washer .....                 |          |          | Pin                              |
| 66       | 384      | Telescope Base .....               |          |          | 311M Disconnecter Assembly)      |
| 67       | 386      | Telescope Base Clamp Ring .....    | 75       | 358      | Trigger Guard .....              |
| 68       | 387      | Telescope Base Clamp Ring Screw    | 76       | 376      | Trigger Guard Retaining Pin      |
| 69       | 385      | Telescope Base Lock Screw .....    | 77       | 377      | Trigger Guard Retaining Pin      |
| 70       | 434M     | Telescope Eye Piece Cap Assembly   |          |          | Spring                           |
|          |          | (Composed of:                      |          |          |                                  |
|          |          | 420 Telescope Eye Piece Cap        |          |          |                                  |
|          |          | 419 Telescope Front Dust Cap       |          |          |                                  |
|          |          | 434 Telescope Dust Cover Cord)     |          |          |                                  |